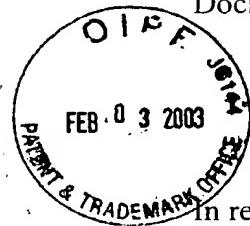


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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of: Sumiyo TANAKA  
 For: IMAGE SEARCHING SYSTEM, IMAGE  
 SEARCHING METHOD, AND RECORDING  
 MEDIUM STORING AN IMAGE SEARCHING  
 PROGRAM  
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A response to the Office Action, dated October 10, 2002, is filed concurrently herewith.